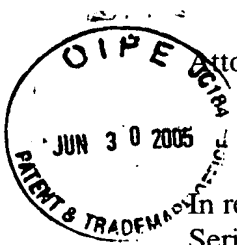


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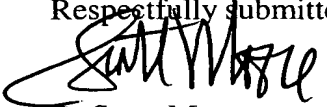
**RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO MAINTAIN PENDING STATUS OF PARENT APPLICATION**

Sir:

This response is a bona fide attempt by Applicants to respond to the outstanding Office Action by extending the period for response to permit filing a divisional application claiming priority to the present application. The PTO has indicated that the filing of an extension of time under these circumstances is an acceptable response to an Official Action. See the Official Gazette notice of May 13, 1983 (1031 OG 11).

A divisional application is being filed concurrently herewith claiming the benefit of the filing date of the present application under 35 U.S.C. 120. Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) for an extension of time to respond to the Official Action of December 28, 2004. Applicants petition for a total of three (3) months' extension of time, so that the period for response expires June 28, 2005. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0220 in the amount of \$1020.00. Any additional fee or credit may also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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